

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

RICK WEAVER BUICK GMC, INC.  
ADAM JAMES WEAVER  
DOUGLAS ALAN GROOMS  
ADAM BRAYTON COOVER

Criminal No.

Erie

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**INDICTMENT MEMORANDUM**

AND NOW comes the United States of America, by its attorneys, David J. Hickton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Christian A. Trabold, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, and submits this Indictment Memorandum to the Court:

**I. THE INDICTMENT**

A Federal Grand Jury returned a twelve-count Indictment against the above-named defendants for alleged violations of federal law:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE/DATE</u>	<u>TITLE/SECTION</u>	<u>DEFENDANTS CHARGED</u>
1	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud In and around May 2015 until in and around March 2016	18 U.S.C. § 1349	All
2-10	Wire fraud In and around May 2015 until in and around March 2016	18 U.S.C. § 1343	Rick Weaver Buick GMC Grooms Coover

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11 & 12	Wire fraud In and around May 2015 until in and around March 2016	18 U.S.C. § 1343	All

## **II. ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES**

### **A. As to Count 1:**

In order for the crime of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, to be established, the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That the conspiracy, agreement, or understanding to commit violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 as described in the Indictment, was formed, reached, or entered into by two or more persons.

2. At some time during the existence of the conspiracy, agreement or understanding, the defendant knew the purpose of the agreement, and, with that knowledge, then deliberately joined the conspiracy, agreement or understanding.

O'Malley, Grenig and Lee, 2 Federal Jury Practice and Instructions § 31.03 (2002) (revised to exclude overt act requirement, see Whitfield v. United States, 125 S.Ct. 687, 691 (2005); United States v. Shabani, 513 U.S. 10, 16 (1994)).

### **B. As to Counts 2 through 12:**

In order for the crime of wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, to be established, the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That the defendants devised a scheme to defraud or to obtain money or property or the intangible right of honest services by materially false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises or willfully participated in such a scheme with knowledge of its fraudulent nature.

2. That the defendants acted with the intent to defraud.

3. That in advancing, furthering, or carrying out the scheme, the defendants transmitted any writing, signal, or sound by means of a wire, radio, or television communication in interstate commerce or caused the transmission of any writing, signal, or sound of some kind by means of a wire, radio, or television communication in interstate commerce.

Third Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instruction 6.18.1343.

### **III. PENALTIES**

**A. As to Count 1: Conspiracy to commit wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1349):**

1. Imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) years (18 U.S.C. § 1349).

2. A fine not more than the greater of:

(a) \$1,000,000 (18 U.S.C. §§ 3571(b)(3) and (c)(3));

or

(b) an alternative fine in an amount not more than the greater of twice the gross pecuniary gain to any person or twice the pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, unless the imposition of this alternative fine would unduly complicate or

prolong the sentencing process (18 U.S.C. § 3571(d)).

3. A term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years (18 U.S.C. § 3583).

4. Any or all of the above.

**B. As to Counts 2 through 10 and Count 12: Wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343):**

1. Imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) years (18 U.S.C. § 1343).

2. A fine not more than the greater of:

(a) \$1,000,000 (18 U.S.C. §§ 3571(b)(3) and (c)(3));

or

(b) an alternative fine in an amount not more than the greater of twice the gross pecuniary gain to any person or twice the pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, unless the imposition of this alternative fine would unduly complicate or prolong the sentencing process (18 U.S.C. § 3571(d)).

3. A term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years (18 U.S.C. § 3583).

4. Any or all of the above.

**As to Count 11: Wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343):**

1. Imprisonment of not more than twenty (20) years (18 U.S.C. §

1343).

2. A fine not more than the greater of:

(a) \$250,000 for an individual defendant and \$500,000 for an organization (18 U.S.C. §§ 3571(b)(3) and (c)(3));

or

(b) an alternative fine in an amount not more than the greater of twice the gross pecuniary gain to any person or twice the pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, unless the imposition of this alternative fine would unduly complicate or prolong the sentencing process (18 U.S.C. § 3571(d)).

3. A term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years (18 U.S.C. § 3583).

4. Any or all of the above.

#### **IV. MANDATORY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 must be imposed at each count upon which the defendant is convicted, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

#### **V. RESTITUTION**

Restitution may be required in this case as to Counts One through Twelve, together with any authorized penalty, as part of the defendant's sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663, 3663A, and 3664.

#### **VI. FORFEITURE**

Not applicable in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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